## Texas Produce: Always in Season



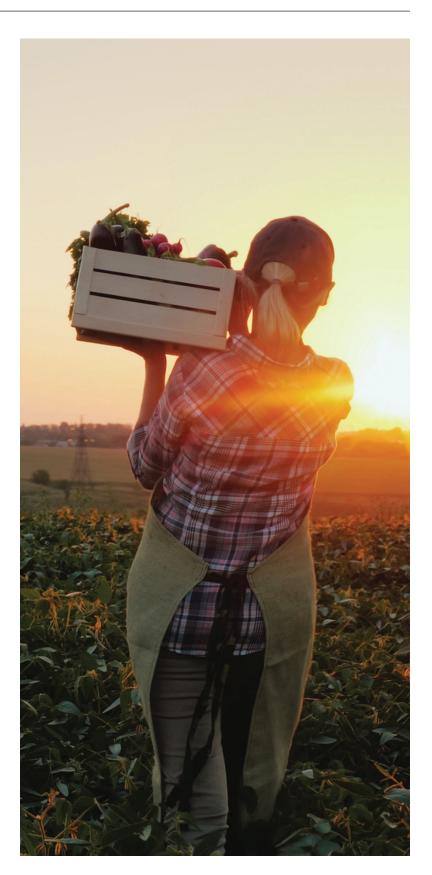
As one of the largest producers of fresh fruits and vegetables in the U.S., Texas' seasonality and availability can't be beat. Texas farmers have a focus on growing high-quality produce. In fact, more than 60 commercial fruit and vegetable crops and over 600 specialty crops are grown in the Lone Star State. Various produce, like green cabbage, carrots, herbs, mushrooms, tomatoes and turnips, are available year-round.

Over the last century, the rich soil, temperate climate, and moderate rainfall in Texas have helped growers and researchers in the state to develop uniquely Texan produce. Red grapefruit is native to Texas, but through industry support it has evolved into sweeter new varieties. Texas is perhaps best known for the TX1015 sweet onion. It has a warm, sweet aroma, and its sugar content releases fewer enzymes than other varieties, causing fewer tears when slicing!

Texas is the country's top producer of watermelon—with harvest running from early May through October, depending on what region of the state they're grown—and is second in carrots and pumpkins. It is also a major grower of grapefruit, oranges, melons, peppers, cabbages, cucumbers, mushrooms, and spinach. Vegetables like bok choy, leeks, daikon and micro-greens are among the specialty crops grown in Texas that are gaining popularity domestically and internationally.



Contact the Texas Department of Agriculture for more information about Texas agricultural products at GoGlobal@TexasAgriculture.gov.



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## **Texas Produce Varieties & Availability**

Oranges September-April 
Field Peas April-December

In Texas, we always have some kind of produce available, and our growing seasons fill important gaps in international production.

